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Pol-Econ Officer shared Judge Mark Painter's qualifications for the UN Appellate Tribunal with Portuguese MFA International Relations Officer Ana Gomes and requested that Portugal consider supporting Painter's candidacy, per reftel. Gomes was not familiar with the election, but agreed to check with the Portuguese mission in New York to see whether it had a recommendation for the Portuguese MFA. Gomes agreed to contact us to let us know whether Portugal will support Judge Painter.

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